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**BOARD OVERRIDES WALKER'S VETO,  
COUNTY RESIDENTS MUST NOW PAY THE PRICE**

MILWAUKEE – The County Board voted today to override County Executive Walker's bold veto of their budget. Milwaukee County taxpayers will now be asked to pay nearly \$9 million in property tax increases. Additionally, Milwaukee County residents can expect reduced services when employees are laid off early next year.

"I vetoed the County Board budget because it was broken and couldn't be fixed with line-item vetoes," said Walker. "The County Board budget required a 'do-over'." "Unfortunately, the County Board has turned a blind eye to the problems inherent in their budget and all of Milwaukee County now has to live with that decision."

By restoring positions that were outsourced in Walker's budget without fully funding those positions, the County Board has set in motion a \$6.55 million deficit by January 1, 2007. Because of the County Board's actions, almost 400 at-risk notices will be sent to employees this week, warning of pending layoffs. Unlike Walker's proposal to replace many county jobs with outside contractors, the layoffs forced by the County Board's vote will leave no one to do those jobs.

Walker's veto offered the opportunity to take another look at Milwaukee County's outdated and underused pool system. Now, instead of a pool system with popular splash pads and aquatic centers, Milwaukee County is left with an aquatics program firmly rooted in the 50s and 60s.

"By deciding not to work with my administration on creating a legitimate budget, the County Board can take full responsibility for a budget that will not work," said Walker.

Walker's veto also offered the opportunity to craft a budget that addresses the deficiencies and inherent deficits in the County Board's budget. Now Milwaukee County will have to live with higher property taxes, reduced services, and no solution to the continued drain of excessive pension and benefit costs, outdated thinking and poor choices.

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